

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG FAIRNESS FOR SENIORS ACT—SUBMITTING RULE FOR DISCHARGE PETITION

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, this is an important day. Soon I will have been a Representative for the people of Mississippi's 4th Congressional District for a year. Issues great and small have been debated. Our budget, F-22's, water and transportation projects, foreign operations expenditures are all some of the issues that have been grappled with.

Our nation continues to reap economic benefits that can not be matched. We are a people moving forward. But, can we truly move forward if we are leaving some behind?

Can we turn our backs on our elderly, the very people who stood face to face with a Great Depression and the trials and tribulations of war?

Lucille Bruce is from Clinton, MS. She lives on a fixed income and pays in excess of \$200 each month for prescription medicine. Ms. Bruce says that without her daughter she would have no money to live. She wonders how many Senior Americans there are who don't have the type of family support she receives.

Well, Ms. Bruce, sadly there are millions. And it is past time for their American family to step forward with the care, support and respect they are owed.

H.R. 664, the Prescription Drug Fairness for Seniors Act was introduced earlier this year by my friend and colleague, TOM ALLEN of Maine. This legislation will substantially lower the costs of what senior citizens pay for prescription drugs.

Seniors pay much more for prescription drugs as the drug companies' "favored customers" such as the federal government and large HMOs. This legislation will allow pharmacies to purchase drugs for Medicare beneficiaries at the same rate as the government and large HMO's so our grandparents and parents will be "favored customers" as well. This is only right.

Our senior citizens should never be forced to choose between buying food or buying medicine. They should not have to decide between paying the electric bill or paying for the medicine that keeps them healthy.

Yet, in America today, many seniors are put into that very position. This is a shame.

And, it is also a shame this bill has not been brought forward for real consideration. It is a shame to ignore the cost of prescription drugs that our senior citizens are burdened with.

Today, I will offer a resolution to bring H.R. 664 to the floor for a vote. If no action is taken within 7 days I will file a discharge petition to take my resolution from the Rules Committee and bring H.R. 664 directly to the floor for a vote.

Seven days. Just imagine seven days in the life of our senior citizens who are struggling to

pay bills and enjoy a decent standard of living here at the end of the American Century.

I choose to stand with our senior citizens. I choose to fight for the values and principles that I know we all hold close.

Let's move H.R. 664 forward today. For our seniors, for us all.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY BELL, AN OUTSTANDING AMERICAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a truly outstanding American, Henry M. Bell, Jr., of Tyler, Texas, whose death on August 24, 1999, leaves behind a remarkable legacy of accomplishment—and leaves us with memories of a truly great man who was devoted to his family and community, who spent his life in service to others, and who was beloved by all who knew him. Mr. Speaker, Henry Bell was an exemplary man and a good friend of mine, and it is an honor for me to pay tribute to him in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for all to read.

Henry Bell was one of Tyler's city fathers. As the Tyler Morning Telegraph stated, "Mr. Bell exemplified the spirit of community service, lending his time and talents to his church and numerous civic and professional organizations." Tyler's flourishing medical community, institutions of higher education, and economic infrastructure owe much of their foundation and success to the vision and efforts of Henry Bell.

Mr. Bell's civic involvement reflects his devotion to his community. He was instrumental in the growth and development of the East Texas Medical Center, where at the time of his death he served as chairman of the board for the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System and the ETMC Foundation. He also was a member of Texas Healthcare Trustees. In addition, he was just as committed to the development of higher education opportunities in Tyler. He was an ardent proponent for the University of Texas at Tyler, where he served on its Development Board.

Mr. Bell's involvement also helped create thousands of jobs for East Texans at area factories that he helped bring to Tyler. He was a key player in the former Tyler Industrial Foundation, through which he helped bring to Tyler the General Electric air-conditioning factory, now operated by the Trane Company; the Bryant Heater Company, now Carrier Corporation; and the Kelly-Springfield tire factory. For his efforts, in 1971 he received the T.B. Butler Award, which recognizes the most outstanding citizen of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce.

In every facet of Tyler's civic and professional life, Henry Bell's impact can be felt. Beginning in 1948, he devoted his career to Citizens First National Bank of Tyler (now Re-

gions Bank), where he served in several executive roles, including president and chairman of the board. He retired as senior chairman in 1993.

He served as president or board chairman for the Chamber of Commerce, Texas Rose Festival Association, United Way of Greater Tyler, American Red Cross, Smith County Heart Association, Better Business Bureau, Tyler Petroleum Club and Willow Brook Country Club. He served as a board member for the University of Texas Health Center, Salvation Army, Junior Achievement, Texas Chest Foundation and Texas College, which awarded him an honorary degree. He also served as past chairman and board member of the Teachers Retirement System of Texas.

He was a senior warden at Christ Episcopal Church and past board member of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and the Bishop Quin Foundation. He was a member of the Henry Bell Lodge No. 1371, AF&AM, and member of the Sharon Temple and Scottish Rite Bodies.

The awards and accolades that Henry Bell received are numerous, but as his friends will testify, he accepted them with a spirit of humility that was his trademark. As one longtime friend noted, "From his early adult years he approached every subject on the basis of what good could come out of it for Tyler." Another friend and civic leader called him "the quintessential Southern gentleman" and part of a generation that had a tremendous influence on the growth and development of the city.

A descendent of one of Tyler's founding families, he was born January 23, 1928, in Tyler to Henry M. Bell Sr. and Elizabeth Loftin Bell. He received a B.S. degree in industrial administration, having attended The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., and Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

Preceded in death by his loving wife of 47 years, Nell, who died in February, 1999, Mr. Bell is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Henry M. Bell III and Allen and Cindy Bell; mother, Elizabeth; granddaughters, Lendy, Audrey and D'Ann Bell; great-grandson, Christian Bell; sister, Dorothy Finn; and several nieces and nephews.

Henry Bell was a great man, an outstanding citizen, and one whose influence will be felt for generations to come. He was more than that to me—he was a close and wonderful friend—one that cannot be replaced—but can be long remembered. So as we adjourn today, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying our last respects to one of Tyler's great leaders and my good friend, Henry Bell, Jr., who will be missed by all those who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO ELSIE COATES

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to express my admiration for Ms.

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Elsie Coates of Camp Point, Illinois. Her accomplishments should inspire us all to never stop living life to its fullest.

Celebrating her 85th birthday this last July, Elsie is proof that age is not necessarily a barrier in carrying out life long dreams. In the last ten years, Elsie obtained her drivers license and completed the requirements for the GED, the equivalent of a high school degree. Last year, she added to her list a tandem skydiving excursion at the 1998 World Free Fall Competition. Amidst all these exciting activities, Elsie still finds time to participate actively in the church and community.

Elsie is a true inspiration. The significance of her achievements is perhaps said best in her own words. "Age is just a number . . . If you set down and feel sorry for yourself, you're going to get old awfully quick."

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL
MICHALISIN, CPA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Michael Michalisin, CPA, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. In 1963, Mr. Michalisin began his career in accounting and auditing with a focus on corporate mergers and acquisitions.

In 1975, Mr. Michalisin was admitted to Partnership with the firm, Hurdman and Cranstoun. Later, as an Audit Partner in the New York office of KPMG Peat Marwick, Mr. Michalisin specialized in work with trading companies, chemical and aluminum manufacturers, consulting engineers, book publishers, and venture capital investors.

Mr. Michalisin has participated extensively in accounting processes during mergers and acquisitions. As a member of the client acquisition team, reporting to top management, he has supervised pre-acquisition reviews and the due diligence team.

Mr. Michalisin has vast experience coordinating world wide audits with client management in many countries. One of Mr. Michalisin's particular areas of expertise has been with Japanese firms. He has worked with Japanese companies for the past 20 years and has a strong knowledge of the Japanese management style, business approach, culture and thinking.

Since leaving the public accounting profession in late 1991, Mr. Michalisin has been an independent consultant to businesses and has established himself in the interim professional services business. He provides corporate clients with interim executives and consultants to solve their immediate and short-term problems.

Mr. Michalisin is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts and New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is past President of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

Married and the father of two sons, Mr. Michalisin and his wife reside in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Mr. Michalisin has been active in his town's baseball association as coach and president. He is currently the Commissioner of the Scotch Plains Youth Baseball Association.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MICHIGAN SUGAR COMPANY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and to congratulate Michigan Sugar Company, which celebrates its centennial this year. Located in Caro, Michigan, the company represents a vital industry in the Fifth Congressional District, that I am proud to represent in Congress today. Although families are still bringing in their crops, it appears that Michigan Sugar might achieve a record-breaking sugar beet harvest this year. Mr. Speaker, I am sure you will agree with me that this is indeed a fitting tribute for Michigan Sugar's 100th year of operation.

Michigan Sugar Company received its first delivery of beets from Mr. William Brinkman on October 9, 1899. And in that same month the company began its processing operations that have contributed greatly to our local economy as well as to the livelihood of all our families in the area. Today, Michigan Sugar Company's Caro factory is recognized as the oldest operating sugar beet refinery in the United States.

This year, over 250 grower families from Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Saginaw and Bay Counties farmed nearly 30,000 acres of sugar beets to supply Michigan Sugar's Caro factory. This autumn and winter, the Caro factory will process approximately 550,000 tons of sugar beets and produce over 140,000,000 pounds of sugar.

In 1898, the citizens of Caro donated the land for the first factory, which was named Peninsular Sugar Refinery. That company merged with other area refineries in 1906 to form Michigan Sugar Company. And now, one hundred years later, Michigan Sugar continues to repay the donation of this land for its first factory site by acts of civic achievement and contribution. The company remains a strong leader in the community through such measures as donating over 75,000 pounds of sugar to non-profit organizations in the state and community, as well as through financial support of these organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to the company's President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mark Flegenheimer, the Factory Manager, Mr. Daniel Mashue, and to Michigan Sugar Company's many hard-working employees. Michigan Sugar Company is an integral part of our prosperous sugar beet industry in Michigan, and as such, is important to each and every family in the Fifth Congressional District. For one hundred years of being a mainstay in our economy, and for the many acts of civic contributions and achievements, I would like to say, thank you, and best wishes for the next one hundred years.

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY DONORS
DISCLOSURE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced legislation which would, in the future, require organizers of presidential libraries to disclose the identity of donors and the amounts they give.

The Washington Post recently reported that \$125 million will have to be raised to construct President Clinton's library. It also reported that:

The library fund-raising is striking both for the gargantuan size of the pledges being made and the refusal—at least so far—to disclose the donors.

However, we do not know who these donors are or what interests they may have on any pending policy decisions that are to be made. I think that our government needs to operate in the open—not behind closed doors.

In addition to the reports in the Washington Post, I would like to note that the Knoxville News-Sentinel discussed this issue in its lead editorial saying:

Clinton is still a sitting president and is in a position to do favors for donors. His raising money for his library behind closed doors may be legal, but it smells all the same. He should make public the names of the donors and the amounts of their contributions or he should wait until he is out of office to put the arm on people.

It also stated that:

The White House defense of this secrecy is lame in the extreme: Ronald Reagan did it. Perhaps so, but that doesn't make it right, and this administration, given its various fund-raising scandals, should be especially sensitive to the appearance of impropriety—or one would hope so.

I agree 100 percent, and I hope that my colleagues will join me in support of this legislation so that we can ensure that our government operates in an open manner.

HONORING THE GLOBAL
VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZATION

HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I commend a group of volunteers who can honestly say that they have impacted and inspired thousands of people and countless communities worldwide: I am speaking of Global Volunteers, a nonprofit international development organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The volunteers' goal is to help establish a foundation for peace through mutual international understanding. To this end, they invest personal time and resources to work anywhere from continental America to Africa, Europe or the Cook Islands. Citizens from throughout our country participate in projects determined and directed by the local communities, doing everything from teaching English to building and painting local facilities, such as classrooms and medical clinics.

As Susan Norman, a volunteer from Texas said: "It was great to actually be a part of a team doing repair work and maintenance so the peace process [in Ireland] can continue. I learned that peacemaking isn't just facilitating discussion but also repairing walls, cleaning toilets and doing a lot of behind-the-scenes work so the process can happen." It is because of thousand of volunteers like Susan that progress toward international peace and understanding is being made. These volunteers are a prime example of people who refuse to become frustrated in light of serious global problems, but rather attempt to solve them, step by step, through personal commitment and dedication.

Now, Global Volunteers had been granted special consultative status to the United Nations by the U.N.'s Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). This privilege enables Global Volunteers to designate U.N. representatives and attend ECOSOC's meetings. Their consultative status allows the volunteers to make a contribution to the work programs and goals of the United Nations by serving as technical experts, advisers and consultants to governments and the Secretariat. I am confident that Global Volunteers will become a valuable asset to ECOSOC and will continue to build relationships and understanding in the relentless pursuit of global peace and understanding.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Global Volunteers President Bud Philbrook, his spouse Michele Gran, and the crews of volunteers for their hard work and dedication over the past 15 years and I wish them all the best in their ongoing efforts. They serve as ambassadors and role models for all of the citizens of America!

FICO ASSESSMENT ELIMINATION ACT OF 1999

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Banking Committee having just introduced a bill that will infuse \$780 million annually into our economy. The FICO Assessment Elimination Act of 1999 will eliminate an assessment on banks and thrifts that is no longer necessary.

My legislation will eliminate FICO assessments for all financial institutions that are insured by either the Bank Insurance Fund or the Savings Association Insurance Fund. Under current law, banks and thrifts are assessed in order to pay obligations on bonds issued by the Financing Corporation in the last 80's.

Currently, the Bank Insurance Fund and Savings Association Insurance Fund are overcapitalized. There is far more money in these accounts than is needed to insure the safety of the institutions they safeguard. Moreover, these funds have been invested in Government bonds and generate approximately \$2 billion in interest earnings every year.

I propose that we use this excess income and reserve level in FDIC funds to pay for the interest due on FICO bonds, and eliminating the FDIC assessment on banks and thrifts completely. I see no reason to charge these institutions \$780 million a year when we have

a fund that is growing in far excess of what we need to maintain prudential reserves.

Just imagine what that \$780 million accomplish in each of our communities. It is estimated that my bill would make \$10 billion of credit available next year. This is \$10 billion of new credit that would be available for banks and thrifts to lend. This is money that our financial institutions could lend to a first time home buyer or an individual interested in starting a small business. The opportunities this money could provide are endless.

Put this \$780 million to work in your community. Support the FICO Assessment Elimination Act of 1999.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES McWHIRTER

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my last respects to an outstanding citizen of the Fourth District of Texas, Charles Olin McWhirter, who died on August 21, 1999.

Mr. McWhirter was born in 1920 in Greenville, TX, and grew up to serve in the Coast Guard during World War II and take part in the D-Day invasion. He was a member of the class of 1942 at Texas A&M University, and that affiliation would become one of his passions in life.

He and his beautiful wife of 55 years, Marjorie Stanley McWhirter, have endowed several scholarships for deserving students who attend Texas A&M, and they have been patrons of the George Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M. Mr. McWhirter was a sales executive for the General Electric Co. in Dallas for 32 years. He has been totally successful in every venture of his life. Charles McWhirter stood tall for his values and beliefs and will be remembered for his generosity, integrity and love of family.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; son Stan and daughter-in-law Pam; grandson Nicholas, a current student at Texas A&M; his sister, Kathleen Rosenberg; and nephews Ernest and Charles Rosenberg.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that Charles McWhirter was one of a group of Texas A&M alumnus who got together and voted to accept me as an Honorary Texas Aggie—one of the greatest recognitions I have ever received. I am invited to the annual Musters and will, in fact, be speaking to the Aggie Muster at the Texas A&M at Commerce campus on Friday of this week. As is customary, Charles McWhirter will live again with us on that day—a day that perpetuates the name and memory of all who knew the fellowship, the fraternal love, and the unbelievable spirit of Aggieland.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembrance of Charles McWhirter.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH HETTICK

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to express my heartfelt gratitude

and admiration for Ralph Hettick. His commitment to the country is demonstrated by his service in the infantry during World War II as well as his continued patriotism.

Born on a farm in Macoupin county, Ralph was drafted to fight in the South Pacific Islands during World War II. Proudly serving his country, he was appointed to a demolition crew which routinely handled heavy explosives to fight enemy soldiers. Ralph returned home after a serious chest injury caused by a Japanese sniper.

Since his service, he has worked in Illinois and raised a wonderful family. He is a member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. Ralph's patriotism is evident in his constant urging for children to respect the flag and our country. He also generously shares with them his personal experiences and the history of World War II.

I would like to thank Ralph Hettick for being a true example of what a great citizen can do for our country.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM N. HUBBARD, ESQ.

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to William N. Hubbard, Esq. Mr. Hubbard is an honorable citizen who has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for countless New Yorkers.

Among Mr. Hubbard's many contributions to the health and well-being of New York City residents, he cofounded the Environmental Action Coalition and was associated with the New York Urban Coalition's Housing Rehabilitation Task Force.

Mr. Hubbard is chairman and president of Center of Development Corporation and of its predecessor, Center for Housing Partnerships, which he formed in 1971 to revitalize urban neighborhoods.

On December 6, 1999, Mr. Hubbard will be honored by Trees New York for his tremendous advocacy for trees and greening in New York, reflected in many of his inner city development projects.

Mr. Hubbard served as general counsel to New York State Senator Thomas Bartosiewicz and is a member of the New York State Democratic Advisory Committee. He is a trustee of the Citizens Housing and Planning Council, a director of the State Council on Waterways, and serves on the executive committee of the Association for a Better New York.

Mr. Hubbard is a graduate of Williams College (1963), the London School of Economics (1964), and he holds a law degree from the University of Virginia (1967). He is a former associate of the Wall Street law firm of Thacher, Proffitt, and Wood, and a former trustee and officer of the City Club of New York where he chaired its Housing Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life and work of Mr. William N. Hubbard and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing Mr. Hubbard's contributions to the New York community and to our great country.

RECOGNITION OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC CLUB HONOREE HAROLD BREWER

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, over the course of my career in the Congress, I have had the good fortune of knowing some of the most committed and impassioned volunteers. No one has done more than this year's Clinton Township Democratic Club Honoree Hal Brewer. I have known Hal Brewer for twenty years now. Through the course of that time, Hal has proven himself to be one of the most dedicated, reliable, and fun loving volunteers we have ever seen.

Not only has he provided Democrats in the state of Michigan with countless hours of folding, stuffing, labeling, tree bagging, walking, cheering and sign posting, but he has also managed to raise his family with his same ethics and ideals. His son, Mark Brewer, a former intern in my office, has gone on to become the current chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Hal's contribution has gone beyond the average work night or volunteer brunch. He has involved himself in every level of government, from helping his township treasurer to driving in Vice Presidential motorcades. Hal knows everybody, and everybody knows Hal. His sharp wit and unequalled charm has put Hal on the top of everyone's call list when help is needed.

Please join me today in honoring one of my district's most tireless advocates for democratic ideals. We salute you, Hal Brewer. Your work ethic and civic pride are an inspiration not only to me, but to all who know you.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF LIBERTY TECHNOLOGIES: AN ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Liberty Technologies, Inc., located in my home town of Bay City, Michigan. For nearly twenty years, Liberty Technologies has been a leading community-oriented business and a fine example of entrepreneurial initiative for Michigan's small businesses.

Liberty Technologies was incorporated in 1981 to develop, formulate, blend and distribute environmentally-friendly detergents, sealers and dispensing systems. The company has since evolved into a dynamic small business in Bay City, and now produces such products as the trade-marked "The Best Cleaner in The World—World's Best". This cleaner is environmentally-friendly, biodegradable and non-toxic, characteristics which are goals of many companies that are attempting to redesign products which are less harsh on the environment. The company is also leading the way in innovative technologies, such as its web sites, www.worldsbestcleaner.com and www.quicknkleen.com, and its emphasis on continued research and development. But

more importantly, the company has invested in the community. It has donated its products to the annual Bay City Fourth of July Fireworks Festival, Bay County's Created For Caring, which provides for the less fortunate, the Bay Medical Foundation, and many other civic organizations.

Liberty Technologies has been the recipient of a distinguished award. The company received the 1999 Certificate of Merit from the Small Business Association of Michigan, for entrepreneurial experience in developing "products and services that are truly unique and serve a genuine market need." The company's product "The Best Cleaner in The World—World's Best" has been officially recognized by the United States Patent Office.

As this millennium nears to a close, we see that communities across America are becoming more and more successful due to small businesses, and the entrepreneurs who found, oversee and represent these businesses. For many in Bay County, Liberty Technologies serves as just such an example of a local success story.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join with me to congratulate Liberty Technologies, for its commitment to the community and for entrepreneurial initiative.

TRIBUTE TO AQUINAS HOUSING CORPORATION

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy and pride that I rise to pay tribute to Aquinas Housing Corporation (AHC) which celebrated its 18th anniversary of providing services to the community on Wednesday, November 3, 1999, at the Marina Del Rey restaurant to families in need.

Aquinas Housing Corporation was founded in 1981 by a group of volunteers who understood the need to provide quality transitional housing services to families in need.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 18 years, Aquinas Housing Corporation has sponsored and developed the rehabilitation of 35 buildings, 990 residential units, 104 cooperatives, and 115 two-and three-family homes. By the year 2000, AHC plans to renovate 10 more buildings with 160 additional units for a total of 1,152 decent and affordable rental housing units that were nonexistent prior to AHC's creation.

Along with housing development, AHC provides a full range of social services to the residents of its buildings and community at large. Services offered include an adult job readiness program, a computer learning center, a clothing bank, case management, tenant organizing, neighborhood improvement projects, classes in English as a second language, parenting skills, senior services, a home-based child care resource and referral center, a tree maintenance program, and activities and field trips for youth and seniors.

It is a privilege for me to represent the 16th district of New York where Aquinas Housing Corporation is located, and I am delighted by its success. I have witnessed first-hand the exemplary work they are doing for our community and I am deeply impressed. I applaud

the commitment and the efforts of Aquinas Housing Corporation's staff in the assistance they provide to the elderly, and low- and moderate-income families, as well as, in facilitating educational opportunities for our talented youth.

I would like to especially compliment this year's honorees, St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School, St. Barnabas Hospital, and the Bank Street College of Education Center for Family Support, for their leadership in improving the quality of life in our community.

Mr. Speaker, St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School, an institution which provides quality and caring instruction to the younger members of the community, will receive the Community Education Award, St. Barnabas Hospital, which offers a wide range of services at both their main facility and their numerous satellites throughout the borough, will receive the Community Health Services Award, and the Bank Street College of Education Center for Family Support will receive the Community Family Support Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Aquinas Housing Corporation and its staff and in wishing them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER P. KENNEDY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, recently, the United States, and the House of Representatives in particular, lost a true public servant. On October 24, long-time Sergeant-at-Arms Walter P. Kennedy passed away at the age of 78.

I first met Mr. Kennedy when my father, John J. Duncan, was a Member of this Body. Daddy always had nice things to say about Mr. Kennedy. I, too, found Mr. Kennedy to be a consummate and dedicated member of the House family. He was a fine Christian man who had a special bond with Members on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, Walter Kennedy was also a great family man. He and his wife of 53 years, Ana Luisa Bou, raised a family of seven beautiful children, all of whom still live in the Washington area.

Mr. Kennedy also enjoyed success after his service in the House of Representatives. For six years, he served as Chairman and CEO of the Kennedy Group Companies, a consulting and public relations firm based here in Washington, D.C.

Walter Kennedy set an example that we should all try to follow. He was truly a great American and gave tirelessly to many good causes. He was a volunteer for the Boy Scout program for many years and a long-time and dedicated member of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my condolences and best wishes to the Kennedy family. America has lost a true statesman in this fine man. The United States would be a far better place if we had more men like Walter P. Kennedy.

I submit a copy of Mr. Kennedy's obituary that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

[Press Release from the Kennedy Companies,
Oct. 25, 1999]

RETIRED REPUBLICAN SERGEANT-AT-ARMS,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Walter P. Kennedy, retired Republican Sergeant-at-Arms, U.S. House of Representatives (1950-1993) and a 43 year resident of Bethesda, MD, died on Sunday, October 24, 1999 in the Coronary Intensive Care Unit of the Washington Hospital Center. He was 78.

Born to Thomas Kennedy and Mary Stella McElvogue on February 23, 1921, he was an immigrant with them from Ireland in 1924. He was raised in Paterson, New Jersey.

During World War II, he served in the Army from February 1943 to November 1945. In 1943, as his unit was preparing to deploy, he became a naturalized citizen. He saw combat in France, Germany and Austria as a medic in the 63rd Engineer Battalion, 44th Infantry Division.

After his discharge from the service, he completed his studies at Seton Hall College, in New Jersey and went on to receive a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

He began a 44 year career in the U.S. Congress in 1950 as the chief administrative assistant for the Hon. Gordon Canfield of New Jersey, retiring in 1993 as the Republican Sergeant-at-Arms for the last couple of decades. In his position with Republican Leadership, he served under Charles Haleck, Gerald Ford, John Rhodes and Bob Michel.

Mr. Kennedy's 44 years of Congressional service is significant inasmuch as it represents more than 25% of all the years Congress has been in existence.

Notably, on the day of his retirement, he was honored by the House of Representatives while it was in session with impromptu speeches by many Members.

Subsequent to his retirement, he logged an additional 6 years on Capitol Hill with consulting, political fundraising and public relations through The Kennedy Group Companies of Washington, D.C., for which he was the Chairman and CEO.

Since the death of his father, he had been the patriarch of a big and very close-knit family. He is survived by his wife, Ana Louisa Bou, to whom he was married for more than 53 years, 7 children, Walter P. Kennedy, Jr., Ana L. Kennedy, Thomas F. Kennedy, Dennis M. Kennedy, Stella M. Kennedy-Dail, Kevin J. Kennedy, and Kathleen P. Kennedy McGovern, 4 daughters-in-law and a son-in-law, 12 grandchildren, all who reside in the great Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. He, himself, was the oldest of four children and he is survived by a brother, three sisters, their spouses and children. He was also the brother for two sister-in-laws, Ernestina Bou and Marie Isabel Pelalas.

He was active with the Boy Scouts and the Catholic Committee on Scouting for more than 40 years. Since 1956 he was an active member of Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church in Kensington, Maryland, particularly with the Holy Name Society and the Social Concerns Committee. He was an active member and a Knight of the 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus.

He was a man of leadership and vision, but also, above all else, a good, honest and kind man. Though never losing focus on the future (which he always maintained as promising), he would consider everyone, yet remain vigilant for the underdog.

He was loved deeply by all and he will be greatly missed.

HONORING DR. BARNETT SLEPIAN

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, this past October 23rd marked the one-year anniversary of the death of Dr. Barnett Slepian. Dr. Slepian was an obstetrician-gynecologist who provided birth control and fertility service, delivered babies, and, when needed, performed abortions. One year ago Dr. Slepian was shot through the window of his own home in Buffalo, New York. A year later, the murder of Dr. Slepian still casts a chill on everyone who believes in a woman's right to reproductive freedom.

To this day, I am shocked and saddened by the death of Dr. Slepian. For more than a decade, he had bravely stood up to terrorists threats, never wavering in his commitment to his patients and to women's reproductive health. I salute Dr. Slepian's courage and that of reproductive health care workers across the nation. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and colleagues.

A nationwide campaign of violence, vandalism, and blockades is curtailing the availability of abortion services and endangering providers and patients. Since 1993, three doctors, two clinic employees, a clinic escort, and a security guard have been murdered. And although clinic protection laws at the state and federal level have alleviated some forms of violence against abortion clinics, the threats, intimidation, and violence against clinic providers and staff continues. This domestic terrorism hinders access to abortion services and threatens the lives of those dedicated in ensuring a woman's right to choose and therefore, must be stopped.

RECOGNITION OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC CLUB HONOREE ELEANOR TOCCO

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, at the heart of every political organization, is a team of volunteers. Tonight, the Clinton Township Democratic Club honors one of its most active members, Eleanor Tocco. Eleanor Tocco is the water that keeps the grass roots growing. As a retired teacher and member of the Michigan Education Association, Eleanor has organized teachers, both active and retired, to get directly involved in the political process.

Eleanor realized early on that the legislative process has a direct effect on the welfare of teachers, students and education. She has been invaluable—educating not only our children, but also her fellow teachers. Because of Eleanor's outreach, on any given work night or phone bank in the Tenth District, a new teacher will show up. She has brought in educators who would normally have no other interest in the political process, and made them a part of shaping policy.

The idea that your life slows down once you retire was lost on Eleanor. She always seems to be in full gear. Whether it is stuffing a mailing, working a bingo, or directing a project for

MEA Local One, Eleanor is always in the middle of it, and is always good for rounding up more volunteers to help out. We can count on her to be outspoken and true to her beliefs—qualities that I greatly respect.

Thank you, Eleanor, for your years of service to your profession and to your chosen party. The Democrats in Macomb County are better organized, better represented, better served for having you among our ranks.

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA KNIPP

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who was an outstanding citizen of the Fourth District of Texas—Barbara Alice Knipp of Ladonia, who died on July 3, 1999, at her residence. Barbara was devoted to her community and to her family, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Barbara was born on April 20, 1921, in English, Red River County, TX, the daughter of Theodore R. and Annie Bell Hunter Duncan. She was a member of Business and Professional Women, worked as a dental assistant and office manager for 34 years, taught at Lawton College of Dentistry at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and worked in office management and as a consultant. She was president of American Legion Post 247 in Honey Grove and served as fourth district chaplain. She also served as Girls State chairman for Post 247 and Post 17.

In 1993 she married Joseph Daniel Knipp in Wolfe City. She is survived by her husband, son and daughter-in-law Don and Bobbie Callaway; sons Clay, Ray and Bobby Knipp; daughter and son-in-law Joan and Kenneth Alexander; daughter Margaret Manning; sister and brother-in-law Kay and Don Loden; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Bobbie and Sam Smith; 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Martin Duncan, a baby brother and a son, Kenneth Callaway.

Barbara was a kind and caring person. She was a longtime valued close personal friend to me and my entire family. She loved her family and loved life. Barbara, in her last battle against cancer, fought bravely—as did her husband, J.D., and her entire family. It is for Barbara—and others in the desperate and menacing clutches of cancer, that we continue to fund medical research—and use the bio-reactor in the space station to seek answers to cancer, diabetes, heart, and other dreaded diseases. So Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of Barbara Alice Knipp and her many contributions to the life of her community and to her family.

IN HONOR OF FRANCES LoPRESTO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Frances

LoPresto. Ms. LoPresto has been a civic activist and pillar of the Queens, New York community for more than 50 years. Ms. LoPresto's dedication and service to neighborhoods all across Queens deserves our recognition. Her years of community leadership serve as a model for future generations.

Ms. LoPresto is a member of the United Community Civic Association (UCCA) of Jackson Heights, New York and is on UCCA's Board of Directors. She is also a Board member of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson Heights. In

this leadership position, Ms. LoPresto has initiated the Kiwanis mission of service; to the advancement of individual, community, and national welfare; and to the strengthening of international goodwill.

During the Second World War, Ms. LoPresto joined a national effort to protect against air attacks through the Civil Defense Alert Team. She traveled night after night, in rain, sleet, or snow, to make sure all lights were turned off.

Additionally, Ms. LoPresto has been a District Leader in Astoria, Queens for many years. In this role, she has contributed to community dialogue on issues of public concern and sustained the spirit of civic participation so important to our nation's health and well-being.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life and work of Ms. Frances LoPresto and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing her significant contributions to the Queens community and to our great nation.